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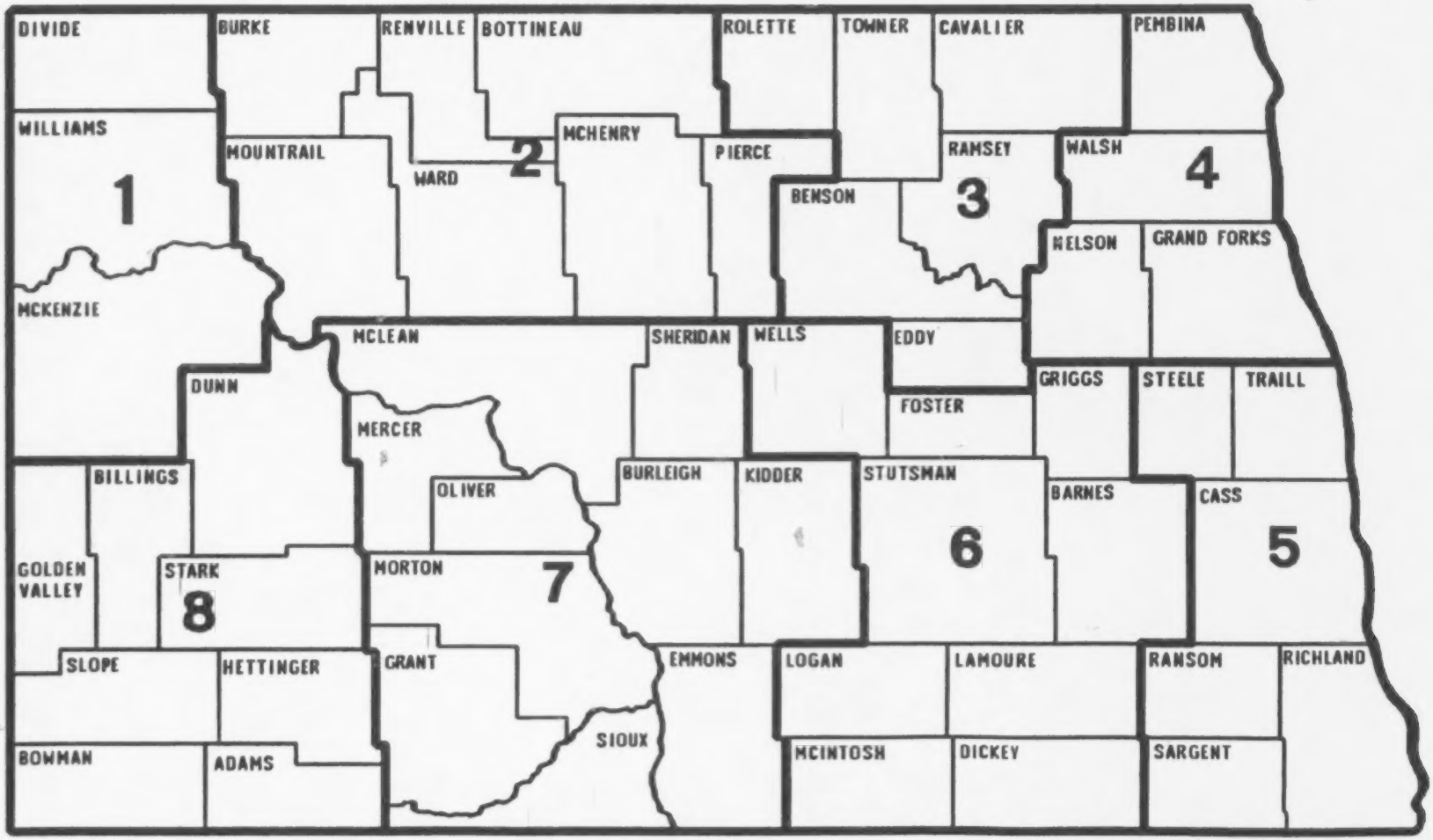

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An old axiom often quoted is, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."

That phrase can still be used today even though we live in a more technological society. Cars have replaced horses, computers replaced calculators which replaced manually calculated data, electric lights replaced lanterns, etc. The list of changes goes on and on, but one thing that stays the same is the users of all this technology--people. People and all their characteristics have been around for a long time--still loving, hating, laughing, crying, building, destroying as they have for centuries. Within these human characteristics seems to be the need to develop a family. Families still exist, but the form has changed over the years. Within the paragraphs below will be a discussion of how the family is still the same and yet how it has changed over the years.

The age at which a person marries has changed and hasn't changed in the last 100 years. About 100 years ago, the median age at first marriage was 26.1 for men and 22.0 for women. Then, by the mid-1950's, the median age had dropped to 22.5 for men and 20.1 for women. Since then, the median age has moved up again, reaching 25.9 for men and 23.6 for women (a record age for women so far).

The prime period for marriage is theoretically considered to be between 20 to 34 years of age. The proportion of men and women of prime marrying age did not change much between 1960 and 1970, but between 1970 and 1980, a large change did occur. The proportion of men who had not married had doubled since 1970, and the proportion of women unmarried had increased by three times. Despite these trends, marriage has not died, and it is estimated that 90 percent of the population will eventually marry.

Fertility, which is defined as the estimated number of children that a woman would have at the end of her childbearing years, has been declining since 1960. During 1960, the total fertility rate was 3.7 children per woman, which dropped dramatically to 1.8 children in 1975. Since 1975, the fertility rate has remained stable. Do not be confused by the fact that the "number" of births has risen significantly; this rise is due to the large number of females in the baby boom generation.

Because of all the changes in marital and fertility patterns, the average size of a family has declined since 1960. In 1988, there were 2.64 persons per household and 3.17 persons per family. The 1988 averages are at record lows.

Households have dramatically changed during the last 30 years. In 1960, 75 percent of all households were married-couple households, but, by 1988, this figure had dropped to 57 percent. Also declining is the number of households with children, which was 44 percent in 1960 and only 27 percent in 1988.

There are usually three major types of families: married-couple, female householders with no husband present, and male householders with no wife present. In 1970, the proportion of families maintained by female householders increased from 9 percent to 13 percent of white families and from 28 percent to 43 percent of black families. Related to the number of single householders is the fact that 24 percent of children under the age of 18 were living with only one parent in 1988. That compares to 12 percent in 1970 and 9 percent in 1960. Approximately 9 in 10 children in a single-parent family live with the mother. Black children had the highest percent (54) living with just one parent, while white children were at 19 percent. One estimate has it that 60 percent of the children

born today will spend some of their childhood in a one-parent situation. In 1960, 23 percent of the children lived with a divorced parent, while 4 percent lived with a never-married parent. By 1988, those figures had risen to 38 percent and 31 percent.

Between 1976 and 1988, the percentage of working women age 18 to 44 years with a child less than one year old increased from 31 percent to 51 percent. In 1988, it was estimated that there were 1.9 million women with newborns in the labor force. Between 1976 and 1987, married-couple families with children in which both spouses worked increased from 33 percent to 46 percent. During this same time period, the typical family consisting of the wife at home with the children and the husband working declined from 43 percent to 28 percent.

Working parents used many types of child care arrangements in order to continue their employment. Nearly 31 percent of preschoolers with working mothers were cared for in the child's home, mainly by the child's father. Another 37 percent were cared for in another home, while 23 percent went to organized day care, and 8 percent were cared for by their mothers while they worked out of their homes or were able to bring their offspring with them when they worked away from home.

Education levels achieved by parents have increased significantly between 1960 and 1988. The household heads in married-couple families with 4 or more years of college increased from 12 percent to 26 percent. On the other side, the proportion who completed less than 4 years of high school decreased from 50 percent to 16 percent. In mother-child families, mothers with 4 or more years of college increased from 4 percent to 10 percent and those completing less than 4 years of high school decreased from 62 percent to 28 percent.

Income between the various family types varies enormously. The median family income of married-couple families was $34,700 in 1987. In comparison, mother-child families earned only $14,620. Between 1947 and 1987, real median income of married-couple families rose by 200 percent, while income for families maintained by women only rose by 32 percent. Poverty affects not only family type but racial background. About 37 percent of black families with children were poor in 1988, compared to 32 percent for Hispanic families and only 12 percent for white families. In 1985, about 4.4 million women were supposed to receive child support. Only about one-half received the full amount, and the rest received some portion or none at all.

To reiterate, the family still exists as a human institution, yet the concept and the reality of what constitutes a family has changed over the years--different, yet the same.

Most of the information contained in this article was gleaned from an article entitled "American Family Life" from the report Family Economics Review, a United States Department of Agriculture publication. If you would like additional information, please contact the Research and Statistics Section of Job Service North Dakota at the address or phone number on the title page of this publication.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1991	February 1991	February 1991	March 1990	March 1990
TOTAL NONAG	265,300	263,500	0.7%	259,600	2.2%
GOODS PRODUCING	29,200	29,100	0.3%	28,250	3.4%
MINING	3,950	4,050	-2.5%	3,950	0.0%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,700	2,800	-3.6%	2,700	0.0%
Other Mining	200	200	0.0%	200	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,700	7,450	3.4%	7,400	4.1%
Building Construction	1,900	1,950	-2.6%	2,100	-9.5%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,500	1,300	15.4%	1,100	36.4%
Special Trade Construction	4,300	4,200	2.4%	4,200	2.4%
MANUFACTURING	17,550	17,600	-0.3%	16,900	3.8%
Durable Goods	8,850	8,900	-0.6%	8,700	1.7%
Fabricated Metals	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
Machinery, Electric & Trans. Equip	5,550	5,650	-1.8%	5,550	0.0%
Machinery & Electrical Equipment	3,800	3,900	-2.6%	3,900	-2.6%
Transportation Equipment	1,750	1,750	0.0%	1,650	6.1%
Other Durable Goods	2,250	2,200	2.3%	2,100	7.1%
Lumber & Wood	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,050	14.3%
Misc Durable Goods	1,050	1,000	5.0%	1,050	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,700	8,700	0.0%	8,200	6.1%
Food & Kindred Products	4,600	4,650	-1.1%	4,300	7.0%
Dairy Products	600	600	0.0%	650	-7.7%
Grain Mill & Bakery Products	1,150	1,150	0.0%	800	43.8%
Sugar & Confectionary	900	1,000	-10.0%	950	-5.3%
Other Foods	1,950	1,900	2.6%	1,900	2.6%
Paper Products & Printing & Publishing	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,500	1,450	3.4%	1,400	7.1%
SERVICES PRODUCING	236,100	234,400	0.7%	231,350	2.1%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,100	17,050	0.3%	16,900	1.2%
Transportation	9,000	8,950	0.6%	8,800	2.3%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,000	5,000	0.0%	4,900	2.0%
Other Transportation	4,000	3,950	1.3%	3,900	2.6%
Railroads	1,850	1,800	2.8%	1,850	0.0%
Local & Suburban Transportation	900	900	0.0%	950	-5.3%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,100	13.6%
Communications	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,400	0.0%
Utilities	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,700	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,100	19,000	0.5%	18,900	1.1%
Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	0.0%	8,800	-1.1%
Nondurable Goods	10,400	10,300	1.0%	10,100	3.0%

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(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1991	February 1991	February 1991	March 1990	March 1990
RETAIL TRADE	50,550	49,950	1.2%	48,900	3.4%
Hardware & Garden	2,300	2,200	4.5%	2,200	4.5%
General Merchandise	6,900	7,100	-2.8%	6,300	9.5%
Food Stores	7,200	7,100	1.4%	6,900	4.3%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,800	6,700	1.5%	6,700	1.5%
Apparel & Accessory	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,500	-4.0%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,600	3.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,700	17,300	2.3%	17,400	1.7%
Misc Retail	5,600	5,500	1.8%	5,300	5.7%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	12,550	12,550	0.0%	12,300	2.0%
Finance	6,550	6,550	0.0%	6,550	0.0%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,600	0.0%
Other Finance	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Insurance	4,150	4,150	0.0%	3,900	6.4%
Insurance Underwriters	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Insurance Agents & Brokers	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,400	10.7%
Real Estate	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,850	0.0%
SERVICES	70,300	69,750	0.8%	67,550	4.1%
Lodging	4,600	4,500	2.2%	4,400	4.5%
Personal & Business	8,300	8,300	0.0%	8,000	3.8%
Personal Services	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3,200	0.0%
Business Services	5,100	5,100	0.0%	4,800	6.3%
Recreational Services	2,400	2,300	4.3%	2,300	4.3%
Health Services	29,100	29,000	0.3%	28,000	3.9%
Nursing & Hospital	21,300	21,200	0.5%	20,400	4.4%
Other Health	7,800	7,800	0.0%	7,600	2.6%
Educational Services	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3,000	6.7%
Social Services	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,400	7.8%
Membership Organizations	8,400	8,300	1.2%	8,200	2.4%
Other Services	7,400	7,250	2.1%	7,250	2.1%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,500	2,400	4.2%	2,300	8.7%
Legal Services	1,500	1,450	3.4%	1,450	3.4%
Misc Services	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,500	-2.9%
GOVERNMENT	66,500	66,100	0.6%	66,800	-0.4%
Federal	10,100	10,000	1.0%	10,600	-4.7%
State & Local	56,400	56,100	0.5%	56,200	0.4%
State Government	20,500	20,300	1.0%	20,300	1.0%
Educational Services	13,400	13,300	0.8%	13,400	0.0%
Other State Government	7,100	7,000	1.4%	6,900	2.9%
Local Government	35,900	35,800	0.3%	35,900	0.0%
Educational Services	18,400	18,300	0.5%	18,500	-0.5%
Other Local Government	17,500	17,500	0.0%	17,400	0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1991	February 1991	February 1991	March 1990	March 1990
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	40,300	40,200	0.2%	39,000	3.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,650	4.1%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,550	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	2,250	2,250	0.0%	2,100	7.1%
Durable Goods	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,200	12.5%
SERVICES PRODUCING	36,500	36,400	0.3%	35,350	3.3%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	2,850	2,850	0.0%	2,800	1.8%
Transportation	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
Communications & Utilities	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,650	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,200	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	8,150	8,100	0.6%	7,900	3.2%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,600	6.3%
Food Stores	1,050	1,000	5.0%	1,050	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,050	-4.8%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%
Other Retail	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,600	6.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,500	1,450	3.4%	1,500	0.0%
SERVICES	12,800	12,800	0.0%	12,150	5.3%
Lodging	1,000	1,000	0.0%	950	5.3%
Personal & Business	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Health Services	5,400	5,400	0.0%	4,900	10.2%
Educational Services	850	850	0.0%	850	0.0%
Social Services	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
Membership Organizations	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,300	0.0%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,600	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,100	9,100	0.0%	8,800	3.4%
Federal	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,150	-4.3%
State	4,200	4,200	0.0%	3,950	6.3%
State Education	300	300	0.0%	350	-14.3%
Other State	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,600	8.3%
Local	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,700	2.7%
Local Education	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,100	0.0%
Other Local	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,600	6.3%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1991	February 1991	February 1991	March 1990	March 1990
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	78,250	78,200	0.1%	76,100	2.8%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,300	8,300	0.0%	8,200	1.2%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,750	2,700	1.9%	2,800	-1.8%
Special Trade	1,650	1,600	3.1%	1,700	-2.9%
Other Mining & Construction	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,100	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,550	5,600	-0.9%	5,400	2.8%
Durable Goods	2,700	2,750	-1.8%	2,700	0.0%
Fabricated Metals & Machinery	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,450	3.4%
Other Durable Goods	1,200	1,250	-4.0%	1,250	-4.0%
Nondurable Goods	2,850	2,850	0.0%	2,700	5.6%
Food & Kindred	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,700	8.8%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	69,950	69,900	0.1%	67,900	3.0%
TRANS, COMM & UTILITIES	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4,700	2.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	2,300	2,200	4.5%	2,100	9.5%
Other Transportation	950	950	0.0%	1,000	-5.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,600	-3.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,800	6,800	0.0%	6,700	1.5%
Durable Goods	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,800	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,900	3.4%
RETAIL TRADE	15,800	15,800	0.0%	14,950	5.7%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,100	3,100	0.0%	2,900	6.9%
Food Stores	2,100	2,100	0.0%	1,900	10.5%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,950	2.6%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,900	5,900	0.0%	5,600	5.4%
Other Retail	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	4,650	4,650	0.0%	4,550	2.2%
Finance	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,600	1,550	3.2%	1,500	6.7%
Other Insurance & Real Estate	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,050	0.0%
SERVICES	22,450	22,400	0.2%	21,650	3.7%
Lodging	1,400	1,350	3.7%	1,350	3.7%
Personal & Business	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,600	5.6%
Recreation & Amusement	850	850	0.0%	800	6.3%
Health Services	8,200	8,200	0.0%	7,800	5.1%
Educational Services	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,200	0.0%
Social Services	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,700	0.0%
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,500	6.7%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,700	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	15,450	15,550	-0.6%	15,350	0.7%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,400	-4.2%
State	6,350	6,350	0.0%	6,250	1.6%
State Education	5,800	5,800	0.0%	5,700	1.8%
Other State	550	550	0.0%	550	0.0%
Local	6,800	6,900	-1.4%	6,700	1.5%
Local Education	4,200	4,200	0.0%	4,200	0.0%
Other Local	2,600	2,700	-3.7%	2,500	4.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	March 1991	February 1991	February 1991	March 1990	March 1990
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	31,950	31,850	0.3%	31,150	2.6%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,600	2,550	2.0%	2,550	2.0%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	850	850	0.0%	900	-5.6%
MANUFACTURING	1,750	1,700	2.9%	1,650	6.1%
Durable Goods	700	700	0.0%	600	16.7%
Nondurable Goods	1,050	1,000	5.0%	1,050	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	29,350	29,300	0.2%	28,600	2.6%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,700	0.0%
Transportation	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	700	-7.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,600	7,700	-1.3%	7,300	4.1%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,000	2,100	-4.8%	1,800	11.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,700	3.7%
Other Retail	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,100	-4.5%
SERVICES	7,350	7,350	0.0%	6,950	5.8%
Personal & Business	1,050	1,050	0.0%	950	10.5%
Health Services	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,800	3.6%
Other Services	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,200	6.3%
GOVERNMENT	10,150	10,000	1.5%	10,050	1.0%
Federal	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,500	3.3%
State	5,950	5,850	1.7%	5,950	0.0%
State Education	5,500	5,400	1.9%	5,500	0.0%
Other State	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
Local	2,650	2,600	1.9%	2,600	1.9%
Local Education	1,500	1,450	3.4%	1,450	3.4%
Other Local	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,150	0.0%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990
MANUFACTURING	444.31	440.10	437.53	40.1	39.9	40.7	11.08	11.03	10.75
Durable Goods	469.80	466.62	465.75	40.5	40.4	41.4	11.60	11.55	11.25
Nondurable Goods	410.01	407.00	399.59	39.5	39.4	39.8	10.38	10.33	10.04

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990
MANUFACTURING	350.84	356.00	344.19	39.2	40.0	38.5	8.95	8.90	8.94
Durable Goods	366.96	370.06	369.66	39.8	40.8	40.4	9.22	9.07	9.15
Nondurable Goods	333.41	341.04	314.00	38.5	39.2	36.3	8.66	8.70	8.65
Food & Kindred	334.84	348.57	324.76	40.1	41.3	38.8	8.35	8.44	8.37

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990
MANUFACTURING	331.38	330.37	312.92	37.7	37.8	35.6	8.79	8.74	8.79
Durable Goods	322.62	314.80	290.28	38.0	37.7	35.1	8.49	8.35	8.27
Nondurable Goods	340.13	344.89	338.47	37.5	37.9	36.2	9.07	9.10	9.35

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	FEB 1991	MAR 1990	MAR 1990
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,786	126,678	0.1%	126,498	0.2%
Employment	118,214	118,520	-0.3%	120,003	-1.5%
Unemployment	8,572	8,158	5.1%	6,495	32.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.4%	xxx	5.1%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	318,530	314,940	1.1%	320,950	-0.8%
Employment	304,700	300,290	1.5%	305,480	-0.3%
Unemployment	13,830	14,650	-5.6%	15,470	-10.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.7%	xxx	4.8%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	47,090	46,620	1.0%	46,540	1.2%
Employment	45,080	44,510	1.3%	44,290	1.8%
Unemployment	2,010	2,110	-4.7%	2,250	-10.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.5%	xxx	4.8%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	89,350	88,880	0.5%	86,840	2.9%
Employment	86,210	85,270	1.1%	83,890	2.8%
Unemployment	3,140	3,610	-13.0%	2,950	6.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	4.1%	xxx	3.4%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,820	35,320	1.4%	35,590	0.6%
Employment	34,590	34,140	1.3%	34,290	0.9%
Unemployment	1,230	1,180	4.2%	1,300	-5.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%	xxx	3.7%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Bismarck Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.
The Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
FEB 1991

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	315.0	2,394.8	357.5	400.2
Employment	300.3	2,237.9	343.5	370.0
Unemployment	14.7	156.9	14.0	30.2
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	6.6%	3.9%	7.5%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84 = 100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	Percent Change From FEB 1991	MAR 1990	Percent Change From MAR 1990
All Items	130.7	135.0	134.8	0.1%	128.7	4.9%
Food & Beverage	132.1	136.3	136.0	0.2%	131.2	3.9%
Housing	128.5	132.6	132.4	0.2%	126.8	4.6%
Apparel & Upkeep	124.1	128.8	126.2	2.1%	125.4	2.7%
Transportation	120.5	122.3	123.7	-1.1%	116.8	4.7%
Medical Care	162.8	173.7	172.5	0.7%	158.7	9.5%
Entertainment	132.4	136.7	136.2	0.4%	130.9	4.4%
All Other	159.0	167.9	167.4	0.3%	155.2	8.2%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	MAR 1991	FEB 1991	Percent Change From FEB 1991	MAR 1990	Percent Change From MAR 1990
All Commodities	116.3	116.1	117.2	-0.9%	114.2	1.7%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	118.6	118.3	117.1	1.0%	118.9	-0.5%
Industrial Commodities	115.8	115.6	117.2	-1.4%	113.2	2.1%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90
Divide	1,277	1,232	1,344	1,229	1,198	1,323	48	34	21	3.8%	2.8%	1.6%
McKenzie	2,484	2,422	2,735	2,386	2,336	2,639	98	86	96	3.9%	3.6%	3.5%
Williams	10,587	10,455	10,841	10,194	10,022	10,388	393	433	453	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%
REGION 1	14,348	14,109	14,920	13,809	13,556	14,350	539	553	570	3.8%	3.9%	3.8%
Bottineau	3,011	2,959	3,243	2,866	2,753	3,022	145	206	221	4.8%	7.0%	6.8%
Burke	1,252	1,215	1,329	1,186	1,159	1,261	66	56	68	5.3%	4.6%	5.1%
McHenry	2,397	2,341	2,629	2,091	2,002	2,240	306	339	389	12.8%	14.5%	14.8%
Mountrail	3,076	3,040	3,129	2,889	2,825	2,922	187	215	207	6.1%	7.1%	6.6%
Pierce	2,252	2,199	2,450	2,173	2,130	2,343	79	69	107	3.5%	3.1%	4.4%
Renville	1,104	1,079	1,107	1,063	1,031	1,070	41	48	37	3.7%	4.4%	3.3%
Ward	25,486	25,562	25,509	24,361	24,214	24,095	1,125	1,348	1,414	4.4%	5.3%	5.5%
REGION 2	38,578	38,395	39,396	36,629	36,114	36,953	1,949	2,281	2,443	5.1%	5.9%	6.2%
Benson	2,599	2,551	2,765	2,406	2,314	2,435	193	237	330	7.4%	9.3%	11.9%
Cavalier	2,381	2,348	2,513	2,229	2,202	2,306	152	146	207	6.4%	6.2%	8.2%
Eddy	1,264	1,278	1,369	1,100	1,075	1,204	164	203	165	13.0%	15.9%	12.1%
Ramsey	6,393	6,376	6,547	6,175	6,108	6,267	218	268	280	3.4%	4.2%	4.3%
Rolette	4,269	4,285	4,279	3,744	3,713	3,649	525	572	630	12.3%	13.3%	14.7%
Towner	1,587	1,571	1,621	1,539	1,513	1,554	48	58	67	3.0%	3.7%	4.1%
REGION 3	18,493	18,409	19,094	17,193	16,925	17,415	1,300	1,484	1,679	7.0%	8.1%	8.8%
Grand Forks	35,811	35,315	35,588	34,586	34,140	34,288	1,225	1,175	1,300	3.4%	3.3%	3.7%
Nelson	1,772	1,741	1,856	1,669	1,632	1,753	103	109	103	5.8%	6.3%	5.5%
Pembina	4,805	4,657	4,981	4,404	4,305	4,542	401	352	439	8.3%	7.6%	8.8%
Walsh	7,103	7,003	7,584	6,770	6,667	7,226	333	336	358	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%
REGION 4	49,491	48,716	50,009	47,429	46,744	47,809	2,062	1,972	2,200	4.2%	4.0%	4.4%
Cass	62,470	62,297	61,408	60,815	60,469	59,806	1,655	1,828	1,602	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%
Ransom	2,526	2,482	2,607	2,452	2,405	2,509	74	77	98	2.9%	3.1%	3.8%
Richland	8,565	8,529	8,624	8,225	8,151	8,249	340	378	375	4.0%	4.4%	4.3%
Sargent	2,699	2,639	2,685	2,624	2,563	2,631	75	76	54	2.8%	2.9%	2.0%
Steele	970	924	1,014	927	896	967	43	28	47	4.4%	3.0%	4.6%
Traill	3,948	3,933	4,148	3,786	3,794	3,898	162	139	250	4.1%	3.5%	6.0%
REGION 5	81,178	80,804	80,486	78,829	78,278	78,060	2,349	2,526	2,426	2.9%	3.1%	3.0%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90	MAR'91	FEB'91	MAR'90
Barnes	5,837	5,500	5,739	5,580	5,250	5,482	257	250	257	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%
Dickey	2,891	2,811	2,932	2,766	2,700	2,844	125	111	88	4.3%	3.9%	3.0%
Foster	2,036	2,032	2,121	1,941	1,927	2,015	95	105	106	4.7%	5.2%	5.0%
Griggs	1,368	1,327	1,485	1,312	1,270	1,405	56	57	80	4.1%	4.3%	5.4%
La Moure	2,163	2,092	2,278	2,077	2,000	2,183	86	92	95	4.0%	4.4%	4.2%
Logan	1,333	1,255	1,404	1,253	1,201	1,357	80	54	47	6.0%	4.3%	3.3%
McIntosh	2,121	2,060	2,213	2,081	2,025	2,169	40	35	44	1.9%	1.7%	2.0%
Stutsman	11,057	10,858	11,411	10,531	10,387	10,873	526	471	538	4.8%	4.3%	4.7%
Wells	2,662	2,639	2,773	2,444	2,382	2,536	218	257	237	8.2%	9.7%	8.5%
REGION 6	31,468	30,574	32,356	29,985	29,142	30,864	1,483	1,432	1,492	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%
Burleigh	34,364	34,013	33,989	33,083	32,659	32,501	1,281	1,354	1,488	3.7%	4.0%	4.4%
Emmons	2,022	1,956	2,102	1,900	1,842	1,966	122	114	136	6.0%	5.8%	6.5%
Grant	1,576	1,530	1,607	1,525	1,464	1,545	51	66	62	3.2%	4.3%	3.9%
Kidder	1,441	1,384	1,514	1,304	1,245	1,336	137	139	178	9.5%	10.0%	11.8%
McLean	4,205	4,123	4,274	3,911	3,840	3,952	294	283	322	7.0%	6.9%	7.5%
Mercer	5,314	5,246	5,467	4,966	4,897	5,034	348	349	433	6.5%	6.7%	7.9%
Morton	12,727	12,604	12,547	12,000	11,846	11,789	727	758	758	5.7%	6.0%	6.0%
Oliver	1,075	1,031	1,087	1,013	981	1,019	62	50	68	5.8%	4.8%	6.3%
Sheridan	1,049	1,014	1,106	965	926	1,015	84	88	91	8.0%	8.7%	8.2%
Sioux	1,108	1,099	1,013	1,008	990	886	100	109	127	9.0%	9.9%	12.5%
REGION 7	64,881	64,000	64,706	61,675	60,690	61,043	3,206	3,310	3,663	4.9%	5.2%	5.7%
Adams	1,673	1,640	1,570	1,638	1,604	1,538	35	36	32	2.1%	2.2%	2.0%
Billings	652	650	662	619	614	622	33	36	40	5.1%	5.5%	6.0%
Bowman	1,989	1,941	1,985	1,935	1,865	1,938	54	76	47	2.7%	3.9%	2.4%
Dunn	1,513	1,478	1,590	1,433	1,378	1,455	80	100	135	5.3%	6.8%	8.5%
Gldn Valley	965	941	993	921	893	965	44	48	28	4.6%	5.1%	2.8%
Hettinger	1,598	1,562	1,730	1,490	1,456	1,616	108	106	114	6.8%	6.8%	6.6%
Slope	426	390	429	377	356	401	49	34	28	11.5%	8.7%	6.5%
Stark	11,287	11,327	11,022	10,744	10,670	10,448	543	657	574	4.8%	5.8%	5.2%
REGION 8	20,103	19,929	19,981	19,157	18,836	18,983	946	1,093	998	4.7%	5.5%	5.0%
STATE TOTALS	318,536	314,933	320,949	304,704	300,285	305,477	13,832	14,648	15,472	4.3%	4.7%	4.8%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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Phone: 662- 2181

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66 Osborn Drive
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1350 32nd Street South
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Job Information and
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